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14	David Hanna - Passport
15	Steve Shannon - KARP
16	Camille Collins - P&A
17	Tanya Raymer - DAIL
18	Tracy Ruth - Kaleidoscope
19	Chris Stevenson - LeadingAge and Cedar Lake.
20	Liz Stearman - Anthem
21	Lisa Elstun - Dungarvin
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1	MR. CHRISTMAN: Okay. Welcome everybody.
2	And as per usual, let's go down the
3	around the whole room and introduce
4	ourselves. I'm Rick Christman and I
5	represent KAPP.
6	MS. BROTHERS: I'm Sherri Brothers and I
7	represent the ARC of Kentucky.
8	MR. CHRISTMAN: And yeah, go ahead.
9	MR. KIMBLE: James Kimble. I'm standing in
10	for DDID today.
11	MS. MARTIN: Eliza Martin. I'm a provider.
12	I'm just here to figure out what this is
13	about.
14	MR. CHRISTMAN: Oh, I want to preface this
15	by saying, you know, everyone is welcome to
16	ask questions or comment. It's pretty much
17	open.
18	MS. MARTIN: I've never attended before.
19	MR. CHRISTMAN: Well, we expect to hear
20	from you.
21	MS. MARTIN: Okay.
22	MS. STAED: I'm Amy Staed. I'm the
23	Executive Director of KAPP.
24	MR. CALLEBS: Johnny Callebs with the
25	Columbus Organization.

1	MD AllCoop, David Allcood IIm the rise
1	MR. ALLGOOD: David Allgood, I'm the vice
2	chair of the Commonwealth Council for
3	Developmental Disabilities.
4	MR. STEVENSON: Chris Stevenson
5	representing LeadingAge and also CEO of
6	Cedar Lake.
7	MS. HUGHES: Sharley Hughes with DMS.
8	MS. SMITH: Pam Smith with DMS.
9	MS. THERIOT: Judy Theriot, DMS.
10	MR. CHRISTMAN: In the back there?
11	MS. MAGRE: LeAnn Magre with WellCare.
12	MR. HANNA: Dave Hanna with Passport.
13	MR. GRAY: David Gray for the Cabinet of
14	Health and Family Services.
15	MS. RUTH: Tracy Ruth with Kaleidoscope.
16	MS. VERTREES-BRITT: Karan Vertrees-Britt,
17	Mariposa/Prince Care.
18	MR. HARVEY: Wayne Harvey representing
19	KAPP.
20	MS. BENTLEY: Katie Bentley, Commonwealth
21	Council on Developmental Disabilities.
22	MR. CHRISTMAN: Did everybody
23	MR. STEVENSON: Right behind you.
24	MR. CHRISTMAN: Oh. Oh, I'm sorry. Yes.
25	MS. ELSTUN: Sorry, Rick.

1	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
2	MS. ELSTUN: Lisa Elstun with Dungarvin.
3	MS. JOSEPHITIS: And Julie Josephitis with
4	Dungarvin.
5	MS. RAYMER: Tonya Raymer with DAIL.
6	MR. CHRISTMAN: Great.
7	MS. HUGHES: And if we could, before if
8	anybody speaks we do have some, I think
9	some new ones. Just state your name
10	beforehand
11	MR. CHRISTMAN: Okay.
12	MS. HUGHES: for our court reporter.
13	MR. CHRISTMAN: Thank you. Did we get the
14	minutes in?
15	MS. HUGHES: I think so.
16	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah. Okay. I can't
17	remember. So we'd like to make a motion to
18	approve those? Do we have or
19	MS. BROTHERS: I don't remember getting
20	them.
21	MR. CHRISTMAN: I don't either.
22	MS. BENTLEY: Yeah, I saw them in the
23	e-mail, but I didn't print them.
24	MR. CHRISTMAN: Oh. Well
25	MR. STEVENSON: Defer to the next meeting

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1	to approve those?
2	MR. CHRISTMAN: We'll go to verbatim. I
3	don't know. I think we can. Someone like
4	to make a motion?
5	MR. STEVENSON: Motion to defer the
6	approval until next meeting. Chris
7	Stevenson.
8	MR. HARVEY: I'll second.
9	MR. CHRISTMAN: All in favor?
10	MR. STEVENSON: Aye.
11	(Members vote in favor.)
12	MR. CHRISTMAN: Oppose, no. Okay.
13	"Reporting of med refusal as an incident
14	even if it has no effect on the
15	individual." I'm trying to remember who
16	suggested that. You did?
17	MS. STAED: I did.
18	MR. CHRISTMAN: Okay. You did, Amy. Thank
19	you.
20	MS. STAED: We've gotten a couple of
21	concerns from our members about the
22	incident reporting process for med
23	refusals. You know, there's obviously been
24	some instruction that it is a participant's
25	right to refuse a med. And, specifically,

1	people were concerned with med refusals as
2	it relates to like salves and balms and not
3	necessarily, you know, their mental health
4	medicine and things like or heart
5	medicine, things like that. And if you
6	know, if someone refuses their heel cream
7	three times in a row, if that really, you
8	know, rises to the level of a critical
9	incident. So we're just hoping maybe if
10	there could be some clarification or maybe
11	like a revisit on that policy?
12	MS. SMITH: So you specifically are talking
13	about when it happens three times in a row,
14	which would bump it up to
15	MS. STAED: A critical incident.
16	MS. SMITH: to a critical incident.
17	MS. STAED: Yeah. I don't think there's
18	any issue necessarily with the reporting.
19	It's just that when with the reporting,
20	that makes it rise to the level of a
21	critical. And, again, specifically for
22	like non-necessary med refusals, like heel
23	creams and salves and balms and things like
24	that.
25	MR. CHRISTMAN: So the issue is just

1	because it's reported, does that mean it's
2	a critical incident?
3	MS. STAED: Yeah. Exactly.
4	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
5	MS. STAED: It's just
6	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
7	MS. STAED: you know, sometimes with
8	some people it happens frequently and it
9	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
10	MS. STAED: then it rises to the level
11	of a critical incident.
12	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah. And if somebody were
13	looking on how many critical incidents were
14	filed
15	MS. STAED: Yeah. And it
16	MR. CHRISTMAN: it would be a reflection
17	on the service provided by the
18	MS. STAED: Yeah.
19	MR. CHRISTMAN: provider and
20	MS. STAED: And as we know
21	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
22	MS. STAED: there are some people who
23	just have med refusal problems. There's
24	some, you know
25	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah. Okay.

1	MS. STAED: participants who
2	MR. CHRISTMAN: So you'll take that into
3	MS. SMITH: I'll take that well, I'm
4	going to take that back to the group. I
5	will say that the one the one concern
6	that I had because the way we delineated
7	it, is that if it is a medication that is
8	listed on the MAR, or the Medication
9	Administrative Record, is that who is
10	determining you know, obviously, a cream
11	that's you can you can say that, you
12	know, if you don't put your heel cream on,
13	that's going to cause any adverse effects.
14	But who is the one that's making that
15	determination on whether that medicine is
16	critical or not
17	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
18	MS. STAED: is where is where it gets
19	a little bit sticky is if
20	MR. CHRISTMAN: And, also, if it was
21	offered and refused; right?
22	MS. SMITH: So
23	MS. STAED: Yes. Exactly.
24	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
25	MS. STAED: And I think people are really

1	concerned with, you know, getting a
2	citation or a plan of correction for, you
3	know, salves being refused repeatedly. I
4	think that's where the real concern comes
5	from.
6	MS. SMITH: I'll take that I will take
7	that back to the work group, because
8	actually they're even meeting later on
9	today, so
10	MS. THERIOT: But I would think it they're
11	refusing it, shouldn't repeatedly,
12	shouldn't it go back to the whoever
13	prescribed it
14	MS. SMITH: To the physician.
15	MS. THERIOT: to say, hey, does he
16	really need this? And if it if they
17	really need it, then they should get it.
18	And if they're refusing it, then it should
19	be an incident.
20	MS. STAED: But it's also been ascribed,
21	you know, within someone's right to refuse.
22	MS. THERIOT: Right, but it can still be an
23	incident, even refusing a med. I mean, if
24	they don't need it, take it off the MARs.
25	You know, have the physician remove it.

1	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah. Well, obviously,
2	it's worthy of a discussion with who are
3	you going to discuss it with, Pam? The
4	you said you're going to take it back for
5	discussion.
6	MS. SMITH: Oh, the CQM panel. So this
7	MR. CHRISTMAN: Oh, okay.
8	MS. SMITH: Yeah, this is the group where
9	they
10	MR. CHRISTMAN: All right.
11	MS. SMITH: And I know we did a lot of
12	research into other states and what they
13	were doing as well. And I you know, and
14	I think it's the medical side of me that, I
15	mean, leaning the same way as you. That's
16	if it's on the MAR, there's a reason it's
17	on the MAR. I realize individuals have the
18	right to refuse, but but there also
19	needs to be documentation that if they
20	refuse it repeatedly that, you know, the
21	physician is at least contacted and and
22	advised of that.
23	MS. STAED: I mean, could there be some
24	sort of like exception to the three
25	incident, you know, makes it a critical

1	rule for things like that, or some sort of
2	carve out?
3	MS. SMITH: The only the hesitation I
4	have with that is then who is deciding the
5	carve out.
6	MS. STAED: Sure.
7	MS. SMITH: So because we could not
8	feasibly think of every single medicine
9	that would be appropriate you know, that
10	we could say, well, this one's okay, this
11	one's not. And, you know, for someone,
12	a you know, like a cream may not seem
13	like it's critical. But you have some type
14	of infection or you have some type of
15	breakdown and it absolutely is critical.
16	So it's that delineation of who's making
17	that decision. And it's really about
18	and, Sherri, I see you shaking your head.
19	It's about
20	MS. BROTHERS: Yeah.
21	MS. SMITH: the safety of the
22	participants, too. You realize these
23	people are in residential settings or
24	they're in an adult day or a you know, a
25	day training treatment place. We're

1	responsible providers are responsible
2	for their health, safety and welfare while
3	they are with them. So it's really about
4	protecting the participant. So, yes,
5	there's the balance of, I have a right to
6	refuse my medicine, but there's also, we're
7	talking about individuals that do they
8	understand what they're refusing, some of
9	them. So, you know, it's different when
10	you have somebody that maybe is completely
11	alert and oriented versus when you have
12	somebody that has a significant
13	intellectual disability or that has a
14	significant brain injury and can't remember
15	what you told them ten minutes ago. So
16	it's really about the it's about the
17	protection, the health, safety and welfare
18	of the individual.
19	MS. STAED: Well, I understand it's hard to
20	create a broad statement. So thank you for
21	at least agreeing to bring it to the CQM
22	panel.
23	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah. Thank you. Did you
24	want to say something, Sherri?
25	MS. BROTHERS: Well, I just agree with her

1	because a lot of the individuals would
2	choose to never take their medicine. I
3	mean, like my son, he takes his medicine.
4	He has autism. But he if he got up
5	every day, he would say, I really I
6	mean, he would never take that medicine
7	unless you directed him to, it's time to
8	take your medicine today. I mean, if I
9	left that up to him, he just wouldn't do
10	that on his own. That's not something he
11	wants to do. So I feel like that, you
12	know
13	MS. SMITH: It's just it's a
14	MS. BROTHERS: It's just something that
15	MS. SMITH: it's a balance
16	MS. BROTHERS: It's a balance.
17	MS. SMITH: It is. It's about making sure
18	that we're we're making decisions for
19	the population on the whole.
20	MS. BROTHERS: Right.
21	MS. SMITH: So it's really about what is
22	you know, you can look at the same thing
23	somebody that's elderly that has
24	Alzheimer's.
25	MS. BROTHERS: Right.

1	MS. SMITH: You know, I don't know how many
2	times I've had medicine spit on me and
3	thrown at me, but, you know
4	MS. BROTHERS: Right. Traumatic brain,
5	too, you know, injury. My mom is a you
6	know, I mean, she has that and she wouldn't
7	choose always to take the medicines that's
8	best for her. So I feel like that and
9	I'm leaving it up to someone else to make
10	those to help me make those decisions.
11	And I want to make sure her care is. So I
12	feel like I understand what you're
13	saying, too.
14	MS. STAED: Yeah.
15	MS. BROTHERS: You don't want that to be a
16	reflection of you. But I'm like her, I
17	believe the safety we have to make sure
18	if a physician is prescribing that, what is
19	the best for that individual.
20	MR. HARVEY: Well, there's also another
21	extreme to this, though. There's
22	there's the folks that are mentally ill
23	that are in the waiver program
24	MS. BROTHERS: Uh-huh (affirmative).
25	MR. HARVEY: that know what they're

1	doing when they refuse their meds. You
2	know, there's and it's a small handful.
3	You know, it's not a huge number of people,
4	but there are people out there. And and
5	folks that are providers sitting around
6	this table understand exactly what I'm
7	saying, you know, that they intentionally
8	refuse their meds. And the only thing you
9	can do is, you know, take them to the
10	hospital to try and get their meds
11	administered. I mean, because you can't
12	force I mean, you can't force someone to
13	take their meds. So it's a it's a real
14	hard thing to balance.
15	MR. CHRISTMAN: Amy, was this in reference
16	to both it did include over-the-counter
17	medication?
18	MS. STAED: It would it
19	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
20	MS. STAED: The concerns were more were
21	less geared towards over-the-counter
22	medications and more
23	MR. CHRISTMAN: More over-the-counter?
24	MS. STAED: And more yes, and more
25	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.

1	MS. STAED: Less geared towards
2	prescription and more geared towards,
3	again, like salves, balms. You know
4	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah. Right.
5	MS. STAED: things like that
6	MR. CHRISTMAN: Right, right.
7	MS. STAED: that were on the MAR, but,
8	you know, one that people were having
9	trouble getting removed from the MAR in the
10	first place. And, two
11	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
12	MS. THERIOT: I mean, I would think I
13	mean, it doesn't matter whether it's over
14	the counter or not over the counter.
15	MR. CHRISTMAN: It shouldn't? Yeah.
16	MS. THERIOT: If the physician has
17	prescribed it, then I think they should get
18	it. And and if it's a problem, like,
19	oh, he needs his Aquaphor removed, then the
20	physician needs to remove it. I mean, you
21	know if if he doesn't really need it.
22	MS. STAED: Sure.
23	MS. THERIOT: If the patient doesn't really
24	need it. You know, sometimes they just
25	write stuff to cover bases. That stays in

1	this room. (Laughter)
2	MS. SMITH: We're in Vegas. We're being
3	honest.
4	MS. THERIOT: Well, like Aquaphor is one of
5	those things.
6	MR. CHRISTMAN: Next item: "When will the
7	new service definitions be available?"
8	MS. SMITH: The appendices, so a will
9	be so all of the waivers will be posted
10	for public comment on Friday. And so all
11	of those have been revised in appendices.
12	So those will be out this Friday. There
13	will be a one page I don't know. There
14	might be more than one page. There will be
15	a document that's coming out that kind of
16	highlights the changes, as well as there
17	will be a recorded webinar out there that
18	highlights the changes.
19	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
20	MS. SMITH: So C, I and J will be up for
21	the whole waiver themselves will be posted
22	for context, because you need to
23	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
24	MS. SMITH: be able to understand how
25	all that fits together. But the only

1	appendices that are open for public comment
2	that have had changes this round are C, I
3	and J.
4	MR. CHRISTMAN: Are what?
5	MS. SMITH: C, I and J. I and J are the
6	ones that are the financial pieces that is
7	where it's
8	MR. CHRISTMAN: Oh.
9	MS. SMITH: mostly numbers.
10	MR. CHRISTMAN: And this posting, will it
11	be in the form of proposed regulation or
12	would
13	MS. SMITH: This is for public comment.
14	MR. CHRISTMAN: Oh, just for public
15	comment.
16	MS. SMITH: This is for public comment.
17	MR. CHRISTMAN: So it's not in
18	regulatory
19	MS. SMITH: No. The reg those likely
20	I think, we're targeting January, is when
21	those will go
22	MR. CHRISTMAN: Okay.
23	MS. SMITH: when those will actually get
24	filed and posted for that the public
25	comment with the regulations. But the

1	definitions themselves
2	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
3	MS. SMITH: and the limits
4	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
5	MS. SMITH: all of that who can be a
6	provider, all of that is in the appendix.
7	MR. CHRISTMAN: Will the public comment
8	you're getting now affect how the regs will
9	be proposed, do you think?
10	MS. SMITH: It could potentially.
11	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
12	MS. SMITH: So the regs the regs right
13	now are in a close to finalized state with
14	the knowledge that depending on what we get
15	from public comment, if there are changes
16	that are made, then it could potentially
17	we would have to
18	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
19	MS. SMITH: change it in the reg.
20	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
21	MS. SMITH: But the regs right now are
22	written based on what is in the appendices.
23	So what you see in the waivers when they
24	are posted, is how the regs the regs are
25	written, to match those. But if we have to

1 make -- if we make a change as a result of 2. public comment, we'll make a change in the 3 regulation. MR. CHRISTMAN: Will the regs be shorter in 4 5 length, do you think, than what they are --6 MS. SMITH: Well, they are actually. 7 are two -- there are two regs that are --8 so we did -- we approached the regs differently this time. What we did is 9 instead of having, you know, a program reg 10 11 that was hundred and something pages long, 12 there -- there are two -- two regs that are 13 quite significant, which is the definitions 14 regs and the services reg. All of the 15 other ones, I think the most is maybe seven 16 pages, five to seven pages. There are a couple that are only like three pages long. 17 18 So we did like topic. So all of the 19 eligibility wait list, that's in the same 20 reg, because we're handling things the same 21 across the waivers. Services, you see --22 and that's why it's so big. There's a 23 little bit of delineation if there's 24 something different with one waiver or 25 another, but all of the services are in

1	that one reg. That allows us to be more
2	nimble as far as updating the regulations.
3	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
4	MS. SMITH: We don't have to open up
5	15 different regulations to update a
6	definition. We can open one. Same thing
7	with services.
8	MR. CHRISTMAN: And the regs may refer to a
9	manual or something
10	MS. SMITH: They will.
11	MR. CHRISTMAN: or a handbook or
12	MS.SMITH: Yes, there will be manuals
13	incorporated. We have, I think, almost
14	successfully eliminated all the forms, but
15	potentially you can see forms incorporated.
16	But the manuals absolutely will be
17	incorporated into the regulations.
18	MS. STAED: Are you-all proposing any
19	changes to 907 KAR 1:671, the conditions of
20	provider participation for all Medicaid
21	providers?
22	MS. SMITH: No. That one we did not
23	change that one.
24	MS. STAED: Okay.
25	MS. SMITH: So we changed so we changed

1	all of the what used to be just the
2	program specific and the reimbursement
3	regs.
4	MS. STAED: Sure.
5	MS. SMITH: So like the 12:010 and 12:020,
6	and all the rest of them that I can't
7	remember off the top of my head. We also
8	were able to include them all in one
9	chapter. So all of the regulations, with
10	the exception of provider participation,
11	because those typic those really aren't
12	ours
13	MS. STAED: Yeah.
14	MS. SMITH: those are more a part of
15	integrity reg will be all in Chapter 2.
16	So everything, when you're looking for a
17	waiver regulation, will all be in the same
18	chapter. It won't be in multiple chapters,
19	because now we have some in 1, some in 7,
20	some in 12, some in 10. I mean, they're
21	all over the place, so
22	MR. CALLEBS: Pam, have the amended waivers
23	already been submitted to CMS?
24	MS. SMITH: One round has been submitted,
25	but that does not include what's going out

1 for public comment, which is C, I and J. 2. So they have -- they have what has already 3 completed through the public comment phase 4 already. That they have, and they're currently reviewing. That clock started 5 officially last week or the week before. 6 7 Time is just running together now. Forgive 8 There's so much going on. But they do 9 have those and are looking at them. 10 And then they are aware that -- so public comment will start the end of this 11 12 It goes through that first week of December, or whatever the full 30 days is, 13 14 and then we have told CMS that we will have 15 the updated versions. We'll have public 16 comment response out within the next 14 to 17 30 days after that closes. And then CMS, 18 within a week, will have the new waivers 19 with everything in it, so the complete. But 20 they're right now reviewing all of the 21 appendices except C, I and J. 22 MR. CHRISTMAN: Okay. Thank you. 23 MS. SMITH: Uh-huh. MR. CHRISTMAN: Anybody else have a 24 25 comment?

1	Okay. "Failure to consider the 5.5
2	percent provider tax that is only paid by
3	SCL providers in the proposed Waiver rates."
4	And I did see I guess in I guess in
5	response to some initial comments, I did see
6	what Navigant responded, is that there were
7	some prevention of recognition of this by
8	CMS, because it would create winners and
9	losers. And I think maybe Amy has some
10	additional information to clarify that?
11	MS. STAED: So, you know, Navigant, in its
12	response, mentioned the hold harmless rule,
13	which is, you know, outlined by CMS and the
14	federal government. But what they failed
15	to put in their response to that, is they
16	failed to consider the 6 percent safe
17	harbor, which does allow states to assure
18	that the provider tax will be passed down
19	when the provider tax is less than
20	6 percent, which ours is
21	MR. CHRISTMAN: So it's allowable.
22	MS. STAED: So it's allowable. We're
23	within
24	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
25	MS. STAED: the safe harbor. So that's

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1	just my only comment to that.
2	MR. CHRISTMAN: So, in other words,
3	Navigant's comment was not entirely was
4	not accurate?
5	MS. STAED: Well, it's not entirely
6	accurate
7	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
8	MS. STAED: because they didn't look at
9	the 6 percent safe harbor, which allows
10	them and I'm happy to pass along that
11	information to you-all and point out where
12	that is in the federal reg.
13	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yes.
14	MS. SMITH: I'm just sending something to
15	them right now.
16	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
17	MS. SMITH: And they're actually on one
18	is on his way here and one is here.
19	MR. CHRISTMAN: Oh, good.
20	MS. SMITH: Yeah.
21	MR. CHRISTMAN: Obviously, this is a large
22	bone of contention among providers.
23	MS. HUGHES: I think when you said on
24	the way here
25	MS. SMITH: No, not here. No, not yet.

1	MS. HUGHES: So they're not on the way here
2	at this meeting
3	MR. CHRISTMAN: Somebody here, let's get
4	their comment.
5	(Crosstalk)
6	MS. SMITH: They are on the way here. Yes,
7	they are on the way to the building.
8	MR. CHRISTMAN: Oh.
9	MS. SMITH: What I will say is, we will
10	you know, I will have them look into that,
11	but and I'm reminding everybody about
12	this. When we talk about public comment
13	or when we have the comments about the
14	rate, that it was a very objective process;
15	it was data driven by data that was given
16	to us by the providers that chose to
17	that chose to participate in the surveys.
18	We basically begged for providers to
19	participate. So, you know, we we asked
20	you-all, we asked other, you know, provider
21	agencies and this is across the board,
22	not just with IDD population; this is with
23	brain injury, this is with HCB so that
24	we would get, you know, full responses.
25	And then, you know, we've been very open

1	that this is a
2	MR. CHRISTMAN: Come on in.
3	MS. SMITH: completely budget neutral
4	environment. So any any changes or any
5	reflections for an up in one, is a down
6	in another. And there was a strong
7	inequity when you looked across the
8	waivers. If you looked at what some of
9	them were getting paid for services, there
10	were some very strong differences. So I
11	will look into that. I'll have him provide
12	me a response. But just keep that in
13	your keep that in your heads as well
14	that, you know, if we so if rates get
15	infused back in for SCL, that means they're
16	coming out of somebody else's pocket.
17	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah, I understand that.
18	And I would say that at least me
19	personally, and I think many people, we
20	didn't really have a problem with the
21	process. We just assumed this was an
22	oversight, you know. Yeah.
23	MS. STAED: I would I would agree with
24	that statement.
25	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.

1	MR. HARVEY: Well, the other thing to
2	consider there is that the SCL providers
3	are paying 5.5 percent of their revenue.
4	MS. SMITH: Well, and it also
5	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
6	MS. SMITH: So they
7	MR. HARVEY: So
8	MS. SMITH: so one of the comments
9	that that came back to me from
10	MR. HARVEY: And other providers aren't.
11	MS. SMITH: the rate team is that there
12	was an opportunity for SCL providers to
13	report that cost
14	MR. CHRISTMAN: There was?
15	MS. SMITH: to the 5 percent yeah
16	MS. STAED: I don't get a lot there.
17	MS. SMITH: as it was reflected in the
18	administrative expenses in the rate
19	structure.
20	MS. STAED: I don't think a lot of people
21	realize that though, because the
22	provider the SCL providers I've talked
23	to, the majority, the overwhelming majority
24	of them didn't report that. So I don't
25	think that they knew to report it or knew

1	where to report it or how to report it.
2	And again
3	MS. SMITH: Nobody asked questions?
4	MS. STAED: It's just an oversight. You
5	know, it's just an oversight, I think,
6	but
7	MR. HARVEY: Who was it during our last
8	board meeting that indicated that oh,
9	it was Kelly Hawkins' operation. They
10	indicated they called Navigant on the phone
11	line and everything, and could never get an
12	answer on where to put the
13	MS. STAED: The provider tax, yeah.
14	MR. HARVEY: provider tax on on
15	the
16	MS. SMITH: She and I wish they would
17	have come to me. I do know that I mean,
18	I referred people to them. I called, you
19	know, myself and tested that line when
20	we when I heard that complaint, and did
21	not have you know, got calls back. I
22	know the e-mails I saw, the e-mails going
23	back and forth. So not saying that it
24	didn't happen, but, you know, please
25	encourage the providers when things like

1	that happen, I can't intervene unless I
2	hear about it. If I don't know about it, I
3	can't do anything.
4	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah. And even if they did
5	all report that, it would still be averaged
6	in with all these other, you know, Michelle
7	P., and that still wouldn't have because
8	that's just a direct, you know, dollar-for-
9	dollar expense.
10	MS. SMITH: Well, it didn't average so
11	they
12	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
13	MS. SMITH: I mean, every waiver was
14	looked at independently.
15	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah. But in the end you
16	came up with one rate.
17	MS. SMITH: In the end, they
18	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
19	MS. SMITH: they did do they did come
20	across with one rate, which, you know, I
21	mean, a lot of a lot of the services, if
22	you're doing personal care, it's personal
23	care. If you're doing if you're doing
24	respite, it's respite. Now does it take
25	longer for some? Yes, it may, but then you

1	provide it for longer. And so you
2	MR. CHRISTMAN: Well, I was referring to
3	it's more expensive, I guess, to SCL if you
4	consider the cost of the tax.
5	MS. BROTHERS: I have a comment, because I
6	guess I'm coming in as a parent and I see a
7	lot of individuals. And and so a lot of
8	these individuals on the Michelle P. are
9	not able to get on the SCL. So they have
10	the same intense care needs as a person
11	who's on the SCL waiver. And the the
12	workers that are providing the services,
13	they do have those intense needs.
14	MS. SMITH: And they're going to get the
15	same rate now
16	MS. BROTHERS: Right.
17	MS. SMITH: as somebody with SCL.
18	MS. BROTHERS: And so I agree with that. I
19	totally agree that they should be paid the
20	same.
21	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
22	MS. STAED: But it's fundamentally not the
23	same rate
24	MR. HARVEY: It's not the same, no.
25	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.

1	MS. STAED: as the SCL provider gets
2	reimbursed 5.5 percent less because they
3	have to pay a tax off
4	MR. CHRISTMAN: Right.
5	MS. STAED: the top of it.
6	MS. BROTHERS: Right.
7	MS. STAED: So it's fundamentally unequal.
8	MR. CHRISTMAN: I know. And I
9	understand I think I appreciate the fact
10	that it's very difficult to change
11	MS. BROTHERS: I understand the tax part.
12	MR. CHRISTMAN: for the reasons you
13	mentioned, Pam. And I don't know.
14	MS. SMITH: It it was not it's not an
15	easy thing. You know
16	MR. CHRISTMAN: I know. That's why I'm
17	saying, I I
18	MS. SMITH: It is not a
19	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah, I I know exactly
20	what you're saying. I'm saying, yeah, I
21	understand what you're saying. It would
22	it would it really kind of upsets the
23	apple cart.
24	MS. SMITH: You know what, I would love
25	to

1	MR. CHRISTMAN: And in in a major way.
2	MS. SMITH: give everybody rate
3	increases
4	MR. CHRISTMAN: Right.
5	MS. SMITH: across the board absolutely.
6	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah. Right.
7	MS. SMITH: But so far, nobody's found me
8	the money tree, so
9	MR. CHRISTMAN: Right.
10	MS. STAED: We're working on that, too.
11	MS. SMITH: You know, and it's not for
12	MR. CHRISTMAN: Right.
13	MS. SMITH: Every time we you know, that
14	we're over and we're with the legislatures,
15	you know, we ask for money. We
16	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
17	MS. SMITH: You know, I mean, it it
18	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
19	MS. SMITH: It is what it is right now.
20	And so I think that with everybody's best
21	interest and with the information that we
22	had, it was a very objective data-driven
23	process, so
24	MS. HUGHES: And just from what
25	MR. CHRISTMAN: I I agree, but I do

1	think, perhaps, this was an oversight.
2	MR. HARVEY: I think the whole point that
3	KAPP was trying to make, is that if the
4	intent was to level the playing field,
5	the the playing field is not level.
6	Because you got one group out of all the
7	waiver providers or out of all the
8	waivers, I should say, that's paying a
9	5.5 percent tax that nobody else is having
10	to pay. And I think that's the intent that
11	KAPP wanted to to get across to Cabinet
12	personnel.
13	MS. SMITH: What I am so I am taking
14	back with I have a couple of things that
15	I've asked them. They're looking into the
16	safe harbor. And then I also have them
17	looking into the questions that they
18	received and the data that we received
19	about how much did we see that reflected in
20	what percentage of their responses in the
21	administrative
22	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
23	MS. SMITH: in the administrative
24	MR. CHRISTMAN: I think
25	MS. SMITH: So we're going to go back to

1	the and I with this in particular
2	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
3	MS. SMITH: I will stay firmly rooted in
4	the objective data. So you're going to
5	hear me
6	MR. CHRISTMAN: I got it.
7	MS. SMITH: I will go back to that every
8	time. So I think that's that's the
9	fair fair thing to do. We'll go back
10	and we'll look at that. And then I want to
11	go back and look at the survey responses
12	too as well to see, you know, what we
13	what we received and what questions we had.
14	MR. CHRISTMAN: I I
15	MS. STAED: And, Pam, just on that line, I
16	do have I called the Department of
17	Revenue and I did get the tax numbers about
18	how much was paid out in that provider tax.
19	I'd be happy to share that with you. It
20	was around 18 million, but I don't have the
21	specific number with me. I can e-mail it
22	to you, just
23	MS. SMITH: Okay.
24	MS. STAED: so you have that data for
25	your own information.

1	MS. SMITH: Okay.
2	MR. CHRISTMAN: And I think what you're
3	implying here too, Amy, is that we could
4	keep the rates exactly what they are, but
5	it is possible for that tax to be
6	reimbursed
7	MS. STAED: Well, it's possible yeah,
8	it's possible
9	MR. CHRISTMAN: back back to the
10	provider.
11	MS. STAED: It's possible for them to
12	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
13	MS. STAED: with the safe harbor
14	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
15	MS. STAED: the federal guidance makes
16	it possible for the state to assure that
17	that money will be directed towards back
18	towards a specific subset of people or be
19	used in a specific way to make sure that
20	that's benefited. That's what that safe
21	harbor is for. The federal government
22	doesn't love it, but it's a well-known safe
23	harbor that the overwhelming majority of
24	states use in a ton of different ways, not
25	just with waiver services. A lot of them

1	use it for hospital and physician
2	reimbursement to draw down federal dollars
3	to increase reimbursement. Which,
4	obviously, you know, there's a ton of
5	federal money that's drawn down that result
6	in that tax that we don't want to
7	jeopardize for you-all at all. That's
8	MS. SMITH: Right.
9	MS. STAED: that's not the you know,
10	we don't that's not the point. I'm not
11	saying we should get rid of the provider
12	tax, because I know how much federal money
13	comes from that and how important it is.
14	MR. CHRISTMAN: Well, I wouldn't say it
15	with the taxes being reimbursed, but
16	MS. STAED: Yeah.
17	MR. CHRISTMAN: you being compensated
18	MS. STAED: Yeah, yeah, compensated.
19	MR. CHRISTMAN: for the amount of the
20	tax.
21	MS. STAED: Exactly.
22	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah. Well, it's a very
23	complicated situation and I I certainly
24	appreciate
25	MS. SMITH: Well, and, you know, I think

1	MR. CHRISTMAN: I sympathize for the
2	MS. SMITH: Well, and, you know, if we
3	MR. CHRISTMAN: in the situation you're
4	in.
5	MS. SMITH: You know, and and, too, just
6	to remember the rate study, you know, we
7	we are significantly out of compliance with
8	CMS right now by not having a documented
9	rate methodology.
10	MR. CHRISTMAN: Oh, yeah.
11	MS. SMITH: So this
12	MR. CHRISTMAN: So it happened.
13	MS. SMITH: this rate study happening
14	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
15	MS. SMITH: and being documented and it
16	being so that if someone comes to me, if
17	LRC comes to me or someone comes to me and
18	says, how do you get to those rates? I can
19	say, this is how we get to those rates.
20	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
21	MS. SMITH: So, I mean, it was an absolute
22	necessary process that we had to do. And
23	so, you know, I think we just we'll keep
24	going back to the data and it and we
25	will we will look at these and I'll have

1	them, you know, because I am by far not a
2	rate expert. I always say I'm a nurse
3	first and they have to make me understand
4	it. So I will go back to the experts and
5	let them you know, I have sent that to
6	them and they're working on it now.
7	They're looking at they're looking at
8	that now.
9	MR. CHRISTMAN: Do we have a comment here?
10	MS. VERTREES-BRITT: Yes, I just wanted to
11	raise the issue, too, about the Level 1 and
12	Level 2 for ADHD. HCB providers are given
13	higher rate for clients that have higher
14	medical needs. And many of our SCL clients
15	have just as high or higher needs than
16	those other participants. And I just
17	believe that's another inequity in the
18	system, and I think that was discussed in a
19	public comment and I never heard any
20	response to that.
21	COURT REPORTER: Ma'am, what's your name?
22	MS. VERTREES-BRITT: I'm Karan Vertrees
23	with Mariposa.
24	MR. CHRISTMAN: And would you say like why
25	is it more for example, don't you have

1	to have a nurse on staff?
2	MS. VERTREES-BRITT: We do, yes.
3	MR. CHRISTMAN: Which is yeah, so
4	that's
5	MS. VERTREES-BRITT: We do. And you can
6	walk into our building and visually see
7	some clients are up and walking around,
8	some clients are in wheelchairs with
9	G-Tubes and can't speak. So there's a very
10	large discrepancy in the population,
11	various levels of functioning and need.
12	MS. STAED: I will say, because I'm on the
13	Rate Study Work Group and this issue was
14	kind of discussed. Kelly Upchurch is part
15	of it and, obviously, is, you know, in that
16	world. And he continually made the same
17	point that, you know, adult ADHDs have to
18	have these staff. No matter what
19	population person you're serving, you know,
20	the staff requirements are outlined in
21	regulation and, you know, they have to have
22	a nurse, regardless what their population
23	is, the majority SCL or not. They still
24	have to have all these things, the facility
25	requirements. And so, you know, he did

1	make that point.
2	MS. SMITH: And I know initially, there
3	it was unintentionally left out, the the
4	higher rate for day training provided by an
5	adult day health, so by those medical
6	needs. And that and I don't have it up
7	in front of me, so I don't I don't have
8	the rates up in front of me, but I do know
9	that did get added back in. And I just
10	MS. STAED: Yeah.
11	MS. SMITH: I don't know, but that was
12	unintentionally left out the first time
13	when we published when we published
14	that. And we discussed it. I think it was
15	after that discussion and the Rate Study
16	Work Group.
17	MS. STAED: Uh-huh.
18	MR. CHRISTMAN: Oh, I know we talked about
19	this some last time, the paychecks for
20	under State Guardianship. I'm sorry, is
21	there someone from State Guardianship?
22	MS. SMITH: She was unable to come.
23	MR. CHRISTMAN: Oh.
24	MS. SMITH: They were going to come, but
25	I'm going to get a written I'll get a

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1	MR. CHRISTMAN: Okay.
2	MS. SMITH: written response and send
3	out
4	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
5	MS. SMITH: and send out to you-all.
6	MR. CHRISTMAN: Because you do know and
7	and you can see how it discourages people
8	from wanting to work.
9	MS. SMITH: Correct. Yeah. I mean
10	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah, I mean, it's just
11	MS. SMITH: I wouldn't I want to work if
12	I didn't see my if I didn't get
13	MR. CHRISTMAN: And get a and get a copy
14	of a check in the mail.
15	MS. SMITH: Exactly. Yeah.
16	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
17	MS. SMITH: And what I you know, I had a
18	brief discussion with the Commissioner.
19	And, you know, her response was that there
20	are many people where they allow maybe
21	they don't get their entire check, but
22	there's a there is a piece of the
23	check you know, there's an agreed-upon
24	amount
25	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.

1	MS. SMITH: that they do get a check.
2	So she was doing some checking on her side
3	as well, so we'll get a formal response
4	MR. CHRISTMAN: I mean, it's symbolic, if
5	nothing else.
6	MS. SMITH: Well, I mean, it's it is and
7	it's not. I mean, you know
8	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah, but no, yeah.
9	MS. SMITH: they're working. They
10	deserve
11	MR. CHRISTMAN: That's right. That's
12	right.
13	MS. SMITH: to have money to spend
14	MR. CHRISTMAN: Right.
15	MS. SMITH: as they would want to, too,
16	you know.
17	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah. Good well, yeah.
18	So good. I'm glad you're
19	MS. SMITH: So we are
20	MR. CHRISTMAN: looking into that.
21	MS. SMITH: pursuing it and we are
22	looking into that.
23	MR. CHRISTMAN: "Will electronic CAN checks
24	begin January 1st?"
25	MS. SMITH: Okay. So I talked to the DCBS

1	group. And so they said that I think
2	there had been some notification that was
3	sent out. There was some changes in how
4	you had to pay for things, that you
5	submitted it on paper, beginning in
6	November. She's saying that right now that
7	that is going to continue until
8	December 31st of 2019. They are going to
9	send out more information when the full
10	electronic process will be required and
11	will be implemented and there's some
12	training material and things that go out
13	with that. But right now, there has not
14	been it's it's still you can use the
15	new database electronic solution or you can
16	still send in paper. (Coughs) Sorry. But
17	they will be communicating further when
18	that when that change is going to go
19	into effect, where it will all become
20	electronic.
21	MS. STAED: Has there been any conversation
22	about the increased cost associated with
23	that for providers?
24	MS. SMITH: There has not.
25	MS. STAED: It's just you know, the

1	you know, the onboarding costs, they're
2	kind of significant, and this is just
3	making it even more significant. And I
4	know that especially bigger providers spend
5	a ton of money just onboarding someone,
6	just, you know, they need the margins
7	are thin, so
8	MR. CHRISTMAN: Okay.
9	MS. SMITH: I'll see if I can't get
10	somebody here from either to provide a
11	written response or if I can't get somebody
12	here from
13	MS. STAED: I know AOC
14	MS. SMITH: from DCBS.
15	MS. STAED: I know that AOC, like, offers
16	discounted checks to like school systems
17	and stuff, so maybe we could talk to them
18	about that.
19	MS. SMITH: I have no idea. But if you
20	have any information on that and you want
21	to forward it to me or I can research that,
22	but
23	MS. STAED: Yeah, I can send you some
24	information.
25	MS. SMITH: Okay.

1	MR. CHRISTMAN: This is not on the agenda,
2	but I just got to thinking about it and
3	this is just kind of an informational
4	thing. I know I think last time you
5	said the EBD thing was just about to go out
6	for bid.
7	MS. SMITH: Yeah, I can't I'm in the
8	MR. CHRISTMAN: Okay. But
9	MS. SMITH: I'm in the I'm in the cone
10	of silence.
11	MR. CHRISTMAN: But you don't have any
12	idea do you have any goal as to when it
13	will be implemented?
14	MS. SMITH: I cannot
15	MR. CHRISTMAN: Can't say? Okay.
16	MS. SMITH: comment about anything yet.
17	MR. CHRISTMAN: Okay.
18	MS. SMITH: Orange is not in my color
19	wheel. I don't want to go to
20	MR. CHRISTMAN: Got it.
21	MS. SMITH: to procurement jail.
22	MR. CHRISTMAN: Okay. All right. That's
23	fine.
24	MS. SMITH: As soon as we
25	MS. HUGHES: There's really strict

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1	procurement laws.
2	MS. SMITH: As soon as we can share, we
3	will share
4	MS. STAED: To be clear, you can't
5	you're in the period where you cannot say
6	anything?
7	MS. SMITH: I cannot say anything
8	MR. CHRISTMAN: So that tells us
9	everything.
10	MS. SMITH: So that should tell you
11	something.
12	MS. STAED: It does tell us something.
13	MR. CALLEBS: Can you at least can you
14	at least confirm there it will go an
15	RFP will be issued?
16	MS. SMITH: I am in the cone of silence.
17	MS. STAED: Yeah, she can't
18	MS. SMITH: I can't comment.
19	MR. CHRISTMAN: We got it.
20	MS. ELSTUN: That means it's coming soon.
21	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah. We got it.
22	MR. STEVENSON: Her silence answers your
23	question.
24	MS. STAED: Yeah. Can you tell us when
25	can you tell us when your silence began?

1	MS. HUGHES: Even if you try to ask a
2	different question, it's still cone of
3	silence. I mean, your question the same
4	way, it's still the same answer.
5	MS. SMITH: And even if I could answer
6	that, I honestly can't remember, so it
7	would not be a good answer.
8	MR. CHRISTMAN: All right.
9	MS. HUGHES: We tried to get the
10	Commissioner on than at another TAC meeting
11	about another RFP
12	MS. STAED: Well, we appreciate your
13	silence.
14	MS. SMITH: He's like me, too. Orange is
15	not in our color wheel.
16	MR. CHRISTMAN: Okay. Gotcha you, gotcha
17	you, gotcha you.
18	Okay. Sherri, you were very
19	interested in this No. 8; right?
20	MS. BROTHERS: Right.
21	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah. You want to talk
22	about that?
23	MS. BROTHERS: Right. So it was "Plans to
24	promote the growth of assistive
25	technology." And I'm just more interested

1	in seeing how the waivers are going to grow
2	as far as integrating technology to benefit
3	the direct support of the individual. And
4	in that I'm talking about as far as like
5	training for family members, guardian,
6	staff, natural supports, more like
7	vocational skills, community involvement,
8	physical skills, even bringing in I know
9	we don't have educational right now, but
10	even bringing in the college part of it;
11	whereas and we might have to write this
12	into the waiver. Some of this is not in
13	there, but I'm interested in that.
14	Because, you know, we just did a college
15	class and these individuals are interested
16	in learning and they don't have the
17	technology that they need to do that. And
18	should we be limiting these individuals?
19	We shouldn't. And in their homes, I mean,
20	a smart outlet is ten bucks, but it makes
21	their devices smart. Should we not be
22	providing that to them?
23	MS. SMITH: And it can be provided today.
24	MS. BROTHERS: Okay.
25	MS. SMITH: It's one of the things that's

1	allowed. We are expanding assistive
2	technology and it I was just looking at
3	the I had the service definition of that
4	up because we were looking at it. And
5	it right now, there is not a limit on
6	it. And this will be you'll see this in
7	Appendix C. This is part of what's coming
8	out.
9	MS. BROTHERS: Okay.
10	MS. SMITH: And it will all be reviewed by
11	the department. And it all has to be stuff
12	that's recommended by either a healthcare
13	provider or a therapist. It can't be
14	somebody that just says, I want an iPad. I
15	mean, there has to be something behind that
16	that makes it for them, unique for them and
17	that's going to make it, you know, easier
18	for them to operate in either in the
19	community or in their home or be more
20	independent, and it has to be, you know,
21	individualized for that person.
22	MS. BROTHERS: Right.
23	MS. SMITH: But we are expanding assistive
24	technology.
25	MS. BROTHERS: Okay.

1	MS. SMITH: And I was excited too with SCL,
2	the with the residential that uses, you
3	know, the technology residential, we were
4	able to increase that rate. So they're
5	really there have been some significant
6	success stories from other states using
7	that type of residential. And so we're
8	hoping that we can use that expand that
9	more with our SCL population. And then
10	potentially later down the road, expanding
11	it to other waivers.
12	MS. BROTHERS: Okay. What about the
13	college, are you thinking of any kind of
14	educational?
15	MS. SMITH: Right now we can't because
16	it and I'm not saying that in the future
17	we won't research it, but you have to be
18	careful in how it overlaps because of the
19	funding. So anything with schools, there
20	is some duplication that we are not
21	allowed so we can have you know, we
22	can pay for someone that goes with them,
23	so
24	MS. BROTHERS: Uh-huh.
25	MS. SMITH: They could have an attendant

1	that goes with them that would either, you
2	know, take notes for them or would help
3	them if they needed to go to the bathroom
4	or, you know, would help them get to the
5	class. We might be able to pay for some
6	assistive technology that's going to help
7	them do that.
8	MS. BROTHERS: Uh-huh.
9	MS. SMITH: But as far as paying the
10	tuition, that is not something that is able
11	to be covered by waiver.
12	MS. BROTHERS: I'm interested in assistive
13	technology
14	MS. SMITH: Uh-huh.
15	MS. BROTHERS: because we don't have
16	that.
17	MS. SMITH: And you have to but, again,
18	remember that that definition is that it
19	has to be individualized to the person. So
20	if you just say they need a laptop I
21	mean, everybody now that goes to college
22	MS. BROTHERS: Right.
23	MS. SMITH: a laptop makes their life
24	easier, whether they have a disability or
25	not. So there still has to be within

1	MS. BROTHERS: A need.
2	MS. SMITH: there still has to be a
3	need.
4	MS. BROTHERS: Okay.
5	MS. SMITH: And not just the need can't
6	be just, I don't have the finances to pay
7	for it.
8	MS. BROTHERS: Okay. What about are you
9	going to offer any kind of technology
10	coaching or do any kind of
11	MS. SMITH: So that that should be is
12	components of other services. So this is
13	where you're going to see for some of
14	the waivers work in conjunction with state
15	plan therapy services. So you might have a
16	speech therapist that's working with you on
17	how to do how to use a device. There
18	might be a physical therapist that's
19	working with someone on how you use
20	something, or it might be a component of
21	one of the other services, but there's
22	not as far as assistive technology, it's
23	specifically paying for the technology.
24	But there's nothing that prevents another
25	service, even a state plan service, being

1	used in conjunction with that to help with
2	coaching or to help with training of how to
3	use those devices.
4	MS. BROTHERS: Okay. And what about
5	self-advocates being used, like say a group
6	used for testing and recommending
7	equipment, apps to your Medicaid
8	Department, since they would have that
9	firsthand knowledge?
10	MS. SMITH: There's I mean, anybody can
11	recommend anything, but, you know, I can't
12	pay right now there's not a service
13	where we can pay a group of advocates to
14	test and recommend, if I'm understanding
15	your question right.
16	MR. CHRISTMAN: Sounds like a good grant.
17	MS. BROTHERS: It just seems like that
18	would be something that would benefit
19	Medicaid, if we had that going forward.
20	MR. CHRISTMAN: You have concerns about in
21	the DCBS offices, understanding of the
22	waiver. That's on our agenda.
23	MS. BROTHERS: Yes. Okay. So my
24	concerns okay. So the long-term
25	workers, one of my concerns is the

1 availability in rural areas. 2. MS. STAED: I would agree with that. 3 MS. BROTHERS: How many -- one thing is, 4 like how many workers are assigned to the 5 local offices. MS. SMITH: I do not know the answer to 6 7 that guestion. That would be the DCBS. Τ 8 would have to get that information from 9 them. 10 MS. BROTHERS: And then also, if one of 11 them calls in sick, how many backup workers 12 are available? Because there's offices 13 that, one, do not have a trained worker 14 available. And my concern is, we're doing 15 all this training with case workers and 16 case managers and all of this, but then our 17 local community-based offices are not 18 trained in our waivers. So if they're not 19 trained in MCOs and they're not trained in 20 traditional Medicaid and they're not 21 trained in our waivers and they're not 22 trained in quardianship or what is a 23 representative for a waiver, then we've really lost ground. So maybe we should 24 2.5 start with a recommendation to have that

1	office trained first.
2	MS. STAED: And I would just say also
3	say that our the DCBS offices, by and
4	large, I hear that if, you know, a provider
5	has got issues with someone being non-payer
6	status or getting accidentally terminated
7	or they will have to sit there all day
8	long
9	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
10	MS. STAED: just to fix the enrollment
11	issue that was like not necessarily any
12	fault of their own. You know, sometimes
13	things just happen or someone has missed
14	something. But then they have to sit there
15	all day long and walk the DCBS workers
16	through the basically the whole system
17	and teach them how to do it and make them
18	understand why this is important, why it
19	needs to be done today
20	MS. BROTHERS: Right.
21	MS. STAED: you know, that kind of
22	stuff.
23	MR. CHRISTMAN: I remember having kind of
24	the same discussion when we were dealing
25	with the Benefind

1	MR. HARVEY: Yeah.
2	MR. CHRISTMAN: Benefind issue. And
3	there were people here from DCBS, and I
4	think they acknowledged it just depends on
5	who the manager is
6	MS. SMITH: Yes.
7	MR. CHRISTMAN: in the office and it's
8	spotty and, you know.
9	MS. STAED: And they said then at that
10	point
11	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
12	MS. STAED: that they were trying to do
13	some retraining and making sure that each
14	office
15	MS. SMITH: We are
16	MS. STAED: has somebody that was
17	familiar
18	MS. SMITH: and we're working on that.
19	And we're working in conjunction with them.
20	However, it's a very
21	MS. STAED: Right.
22	MS. SMITH: large turnover.
23	MS. STAED: Uh-huh.
24	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
25	MS. SMITH: So a lot of times you get staff

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1 trained and then you're starting right back 2. over. So we have been working in 3 conjunction with them. Now, there's a lot 4 of -- so there's very targeted training. 5 We don't want to go in and do a full 6 comprehensive training on waivers for them, 7 because it's not -- that's not what they 8 We don't want them answering the 9 questions about waivers. We want them to 10 understand how waivers interact with their Medicaid and what -- the pieces that are 11 12 important. So there is -- we have worked 13 with them to develop some additional 14 training materials that will be going out 15 to their staff as we have been working on 16 just training materials in general that are 17 going out to school systems and -- and 18 other entities about what waiver is. Of 19 course with DCBS, there will be a little 20 more, because it will talk about the level 21 of care, when they're going to get that --22 that information. 23 But I will say that Pat and Laura, 24 who -- is who -- they were here the last 2.5 time, is that, you know, any time a provider

1	experiences problems with a specific person
2	or specific office, they take those very
3	seriously and they, you know, get us that
4	information, because they go out and they
5	or they have somebody go out and talk to
6	and talk to those individuals and do
7	retraining.
8	MR. CHRISTMAN: I think that was their
9	message, too, back a while ago, is let us
10	know
11	MS. STAED: Uh-huh.
12	MR. CHRISTMAN: right? Yeah.
13	MS. SMITH: Well, I mean
14	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
15	MS. SMITH: and it's like with me.
16	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
17	MS. SMITH: If I don't know you're if I
18	don't know somebody's having a problem, I
19	can't fix it.
20	MS. ELSTUN: And they actually had helped
21	with an issue that we had several months
22	back, but, yes, e-mailing them directly
23	was
24	MS. SMITH: Uh-huh.
25	MS. ELSTUN: pretty effective.

1	I have a question, just kind of
2	piggyback on this. For when there is an
3	address change for an individual within the
4	waiver, is the residential provider
5	responsible for submitting that to DCBS
6	Medicaid now? Because we're getting a lot
7	of our case managers saying that we need to
8	be reporting the address change. Because
9	typically that was something the case
10	manager took care of.
11	MS. SMITH: We have not changed anything as
12	far as the process of waivers, so we
13	MS. ELSTUN: Oh.
14	MS. SMITH: haven't told them that they
15	haven't given that advice. I'll check to
16	see if there's for some reason
17	MS. ELSTUN: Okay.
18	MS. SMITH: that they've been given that
19	direction from somebody else, but I know
20	within within waiver, we haven't told
21	them
22	MS. ELSTUN: Okay.
23	MS. SMITH: we haven't issued any
24	direction.
25	MS. ELSTUN: Okay. Thank you.

1	MR. CHRISTMAN: Okay. The support line?
2	MS. SMITH: And so as of 11/25, the
3	help desk no, 11/25. As of 11/25, the
4	help desk phone number will be live. I
5	think the e-mail box is already up, and I
6	think is live and getting and receiving
7	e-mails, but we are in the process we
8	have all our help desk staff on board and
9	they are going through training right now.
10	They're answering the phones some right now
11	as well, but that will be live for every
12	it's every waiver, not just Michelle P. and
13	SCL.
14	MR. CHRISTMAN: You must have a bunch of
15	brainiacs that you've hired.
16	MS. SMITH: I'm pretty particular about
17	who who I hire, but
18	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
19	MS. SMITH: I mean this is a and
20	we've told them and this is and they
21	have resources. There's
22	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
23	MS. SMITH: escalation points, because
24	waiver is hard. Waiver is complicated.
25	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.

1	MS. SMITH: But if they are not able to
2	answer the question, they have an immediate
3	escalation point that can
4	MR. CHRISTMAN: Okay.
5	MS. SMITH: help answer that question.
6	And they have a lot of resources, too,
7	so
8	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah, that's a hard job.
9	MS. SMITH: It's been a big undertaking and
10	I think that it's going to be I think
11	it's really going to help them.
12	MR. CHRISTMAN: Good. Sherri?
13	MS. BROTHERS: Yes, I know. "Adult Medical
14	Line for Long Term Supports." So the wait
15	times for this line is really long. It's
16	like an hour or longer when you call to try
17	to get questions answered. So I was
18	wanting to see how many people are working
19	on that line?
20	MS. SMITH: I do not know. That is not one
21	of the within that's not within our
22	division, that line, so I'll have to take
23	that back.
24	MR. CHRISTMAN: Is this more related to
25	ICFMR issues, Sherri?

1 MS. BROTHERS: This is for waivers. Like 2. you're calling --3 MR. CHRISTMAN: Oh, waiver. Okay. A long time. 4 5 MS. BROTHERS: -- to -- to find out. 6 MR. CHRISTMAN: Okay. DCBS again? 7 MS. BROTHERS: Uh-huh. 8 And my one concern about the rural 9 DCBS offices is, you know, when parents are 10 traveling, like say they go to one office 11 and they have to go to another -- because 12 she was talking about providers, but I was 13 more concerned about parents. If you're 14 traveling to one rural office and they send you to another rural office and then another 15 16 one, because there's not a long-term support 17 person who's able to answer your questions, 18 that's a concern. And when you go into --19 like some of the parents went to an office 20 and then they were having them fill out 21 forms and then having them fill out the 22 wrong forms and they had to go back. That's 23 just a consistent problem, I quess, is my 24 concern, about some of these consistent 25 problems happening over and over. And I

1	guess that's why I'm wanting that you
2	know, some kind of training in those local
3	offices, because I is this is what
4	you're saying, like, what you're going to
5	give them going to be able to help that?
6	MS. SMITH: That's beyond even what we're
7	giving them. So, I mean, that that's
8	really more of eligibility training. So I
9	will talk to I will talk with the DCBS
10	staff. So I'll talk with Pat and Laura and
11	relay that information, so and the
12	concerns.
13	MR. CHRISTMAN: You were worried about
14	hours of operation, too, at some point;
15	weren't you, Sherri? The hours of
16	operation?
17	MS. BROTHERS: I was more worried about
18	just having people in the local offices
19	MR. CHRISTMAN: When they're supposed to
20	be
21	MS. BROTHERS: to be able to help
22	parents.
23	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
24	"Adult Protective Services Training."
25	MS. BROTHERS: Yes. My question on that

1	one was as far as, like, do we have a
2	central intake unit?
3	MS. SMITH: Yeah, I mean there's for
4	APS?
5	MS. BROTHERS: Just for I guess what I'm
6	wanting to know is, like, as far as like is
7	there a place that houses everything as far
8	as all the incidents as far as neglect,
9	abuse in the workplace, in the home, like
10	who is homeless, every incident that's
11	happened?
12	MS. SMITH: If it is reported, yes.
13	MS. BROTHERS: Where is that at?
14	MS. SMITH: It's part of what DCBS
15	maintains with Adult Protective Services.
16	And if that comes in to us, it gets
17	referred. So if it if it comes in
18	through waiver, we insure that it has also
19	been reported to DCBS.
20	MS. BROTHERS: Okay. Is that where is
21	that accessible to us? Where would we find
22	that?
23	MS. SMITH: There's too much protected
24	information in there, so that wouldn't be
25	accessible to the general public.

1	MS. BROTHERS: Okay. Is there okay. I
2	just want to know this then: How much
3	training is going into that? Like as far
4	as training on, like, sexual abuse?
5	MS. SMITH: Yeah, it's DCBS.
6	MS. HUGHES: That's not a Medicaid.
7	MS. BROTHERS: Okay. Well, it affects the
8	individuals, I guess is what I'm saying,
9	the individuals with disabilities.
10	MS. HUGHES: Have to go to them, though,
11	because that's not a I mean, this TAC is
12	more for Medicaid
13	MS. BROTHERS: Uh-huh (affirmative).
14	MS. HUGHES: part of Medicaid services
15	stuff and that's not part of DMS.
16	MS. BROTHERS: Okay.
17	MS. HUGHES: Adult Protective Services
18	isn't a part of DMS.
19	MS. BROTHERS: Okay.
20	MS. SMITH: We work with them, in
21	conjunction with them, but DCBS manages
22	that process and they manage the staff.
23	MR. SHANNON: Could a staff member attend
24	the meeting?
25	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah, that's what I was

1	going to ask.
2	MS. HUGHES: Again, that's not a DMS
3	program. So you-all can contact DCBS
4	directly, you know, to obtain your
5	information, but that's not something that
6	DMS
7	MS. SMITH: I mean, if you want to forward
8	me your questions, I'm more than happy to
9	pass them to pass them along, but I
10	can't really answer, other than I can tell
11	you that we are doing some we had our
12	first one last week. We are going to some
13	of their meetings and doing some waiver
14	training just on the basics of what what
15	is waiver? How do you know somebody's in
16	waiver? What the who might be
17	appropriate for waiver. So if they get an
18	incident and somebody that they that
19	looks like they may benefit from services,
20	how they would refer them.
21	MS. BROTHERS: I guess my concern is, I
22	I was asked to forward all these questions
23	ahead of time. And then I guess, you know,
24	somebody needs to be here, I would have
25	thought they would have been brought in.

1	MS. SMITH: Well, so when I say Adult
2	Protective Services Training
3	MS. BROTHERS: Uh-huh.
4	MS. SMITH: we're training Adult
5	Protective Services. That's not what
6	you're ask you're asking your intent
7	behind that is completely different than
8	that than training. To me, I don't I
9	still am not quite clear on all your
10	questions other than I know you asked if
11	it's open to the general public, which
12	there is a a electronic submission
13	that's available through the day. I think
14	it's 8:00 to 4:00. But there's a 24-hour
15	hotline that is manned, you know, 24 hours
16	a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year
17	for reporting incidents to Adult
18	Protective Adult Protective and Child
19	Protective Services.
20	MR. CHRISTMAN: Well, I understand what
21	Sharley's saying, but, I mean, I have no
22	problem if we would invite someone here
23	from DCBS at some point
24	MS. HUGHES: What I'm saying is that
25	MR. CHRISTMAN: to talk about their

1	process. Yeah.
2	MS. HUGHES: like the TAC is here to
3	MR. CHRISTMAN: I know.
4	MS. HUGHES: advise the Department for
5	Medicaid Services on our program.
6	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
7	MS. HUGHES: And that doesn't fall under
8	Department for Medicaid Services. That's
9	over here in and it's it doesn't I
10	mean, it may granted, there may be some
11	Medicaid folks that are reported to Adult
12	Protective Services, but it's not a
13	Medicaid program. So if there if I
14	mean, if Shirley has Sherri has
15	questions sorry that she wants to get
16	from she can contact DCBS and be able to
17	get those answers rather than coming
18	through the TAC.
19	MS. STAED: There's an online manual. Have
20	you looked in it? That has the training?
21	MS. BROTHERS: I guess I just you know,
22	as far as I'm concerned, the individuals, I
23	guess I'll regroup for next time.
24	MR. CHRISTMAN: Let me ask you something
25	that's related to that. I know Katie has

1	asked that maybe at some future meeting we
2	have someone from IHDI make a presentation
3	on Supported Employment and Kentucky Works.
4	Would that fall under the same category
5	as
6	MS. SMITH: No, because it would it's
7	related to the Supported because with
8	Supported Employment being part of the
9	waiver and it working in conjunction with
10	that as other paid employment, or as part
11	of Supported Employment itself, so it
12	MS. BENTLEY: So that technically wasn't
13	me. It came from the July meeting
14	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
15	MS. BENTLEY: when we were talking about
16	Kentucky Works and just learning about
17	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
18	MS. BENTLEY: what was going on with
19	employment, so that's where it came from.
20	MR. CHRISTMAN: Is Kentucky Works then
21	germane?
22	MS. HUGHES: Because it's part of the
23	Supported Employment.
24	MS. SMITH: Yeah, because it
25	MR. CHRISTMAN: Okay.

1	MS. SMITH: its function is Supportive
2	right, because it would because
3	everything we do with Supportive Employment
4	is in conjunction with any other paid
5	employment and how that that works
6	MR. CHRISTMAN: Okay.
7	MS. SMITH: together. And I if you
8	will forward me your questions for Adult
9	Protective Services, I will forward them on
10	your behalf.
11	MS. BROTHERS: I guess my concern is with
12	waivers. Safety is in the waivers. I
13	mean, that can be part of their goals is
14	safety, because someone can take advantage
15	of them as far as financially, as far as
16	abuse. I mean it happens.
17	MS. SMITH: Unfortunately, we see it on
18	critical incident reports
19	MS. BROTHERS: Right.
20	MS. SMITH: every day and there's so
21	what is your I guess, Sherri, what's the
22	specific question that you have, other than
23	can you see the data?
24	MS. BROTHERS: Well, I mean, I just I
25	just want to make sure that the individuals

1 are being protected. We have a system in 2. place that is protecting these individuals 3 of these incidents, that it's all -- you 4 know, if there's sexual abuse happening in 5 these -- all of these different situations 6 within these waivers. I guess that's what 7 I'm asking. 8 MS. SMITH: So within waiver, we do 9 that with -- we expect to get critical 10 incident reports, whether -- and that --11 and then there has been training that's out 12 there on the web. There is a quide for how 13 to even complete the incident report. find -- if we find out that a provider did 14 15 not report an incident to us that is abuse, 16 neglect, exploitation --17 MS. BROTHERS: Uh-huh. 18 MS. SMITH: -- there's a potential that the 19 provider will get a corrective action plan, 20 will get citations. Technical assistance 21 will be offered first to try to figure out 22 what happened, why that didn't get 23 reported. But we take it very seriously. 24 And as I said, there is a -- a connection 25 between us and DCBS that if we receive a

1 report and it does not have on there where 2. it has been reported, because we have to 3 have the reference number, then we report 4 it ourselves. We're mandatory reporters. 5 I've reported incidents within the last 6 month, actually, when we received an 7 incident report from a provider. So it is 8 a very -- it is a very -- we take incident 9 reports, especially the health, safety, and 10 welfare very seriously. There is a very --11 there is a significant process for how we 12 do those. And we have done provider 13 training, retraining recently on incident 14 reports. And it is saved out on the -- it 15 is on the website. The webinar is out 16 there. 17 MS. HUGHES: And you also said earlier that 18 if we get it, you also copy it to APS --19 MS. SMITH: Actually, yeah, it will trigger -- it goes -- it goes to them. 20 21 they also in the same respect, when they 22 get a incident report that we've developed 23 a process, and if they get an incident 24 report or notification and it involves a 25 waiver individual, they notify us. So

1	it we talk back and forth, so
2	MR. CHRISTMAN: SCL waiting list, we have
3	this convenient
4	MS. SMITH: So Michelle P., I will say we
5	just it's been maybe three weeks ago,
6	just allocated probably what will be our
7	last round for right now, unless we get
8	more slots, which we are requesting more
9	slots.
10	MR. CHRISTMAN: And that's, what, 10,500?
11	MS. SMITH: 10,500.
12	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
13	MS. SMITH: We are very close to that
14	10,500 mark. Now we've been about every
15	90 days have been allocating 250 or more.
16	I think one time we did 325. So each we
17	have been doing that now for a few cycles.
18	And so we have gotten the numbers up close
19	to the actual KAPP. Still a big number.
20	We're still at 6,770. And it's still
21	70 percent of them are under the age of 21.
22	MR. CHRISTMAN: But the waiting list
23	doesn't seem to have grown?
24	MS. SMITH: It is it's staying pretty
25	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.

1	MS. SMITH: static at this point. And
2	part of that, too, is because with the
3	new now that all of them have to come
4	through applications in MWMA, it's no
5	longer, I just fill out a piece of paper, I
6	get added to the wait list. It is you
7	truly are vetted out to make sure that you
8	would meet the criteria before you're added
9	to the wait list, so it's a combination of
10	both.
11	MR. CHRISTMAN: How many still are you
12	still going through the waiting list to see
13	if they're
14	MR. STEVENSON: Yeah, yeah, to see if
15	MR. CHRISTMAN: appropriate to be on the
16	waiting list? Are you still going through
17	that process?
18	MS. SMITH: Right now, because the
19	regulation does not allow us to do that
20	MR. CHRISTMAN: Oh.
21	MS. SMITH: we have to it's just as
22	they are allocated. That's why it takes 90
23	days
24	MR. CHRISTMAN: Oh, because you're full,
25	you're not going to do

1	MS. SMITH: Right. Because they're
2	MR. CHRISTMAN: that anymore. Yeah.
3	MS. SMITH: because it's well, not
4	because we're full. The regulation, as it
5	is written today, does not have a process
6	that would allow us legally to do that.
7	Because it says
8	MR. CHRISTMAN: Okay.
9	MS. SMITH: in regulation all they had
10	to do was complete a MAP 621 and they would
11	be added to the wait list.
12	MR. STEVENSON: So once you're reviewing
13	folks, what's the are three out of ten
14	truly eligible? I mean, if you if you
15	had to make a guess.
16	MR. CHRISTMAN: I thought it was like one
17	out of ten, I had the impression one time.
18	MS. SMITH: Well, there's two
19	MR. STEVENSON: How many?
20	MS. SMITH: so there's two
21	MR. CHRISTMAN: One.
22	MS. SMITH: things. So there's the ones
23	that are so of the groups that are
24	allocated, we have probably a 30 to
25	40 percent that either we can't find them

1	or they say, I don't want the waiver, I
2	didn't know I was signed up for that, or
3	they just choose not to get an assessment.
4	So we're enrolling about 60 percent of the
5	people that we allocate. As far as what
6	we're seeing come through now, the
7	applications and capacity reviews, majority
8	of the time they meet they're meeting
9	the target criteria to go on the wait list.
10	But it's very different. Instead of
11	getting 60 to 100 a day, we maybe get two
12	or three a day, or we get you know, it's
13	not the volume I think with the
14	education we've done, you see you've
15	seen a difference in behavior.
16	MR. CHRISTMAN: I think when Gretchen was
17	here, I can't remember, but it seems like
18	he
19	MR. STEVENSON: Right.
20	MR. CHRISTMAN: indicated like it was
21	one in ten.
22	MR. STEVENSON: Yeah, exactly.
23	MR. CHRISTMAN: Something like that, but I
24	guess that's not accurate.
25	MR. STEVENSON: Well, it sounds like

1	we've
2	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
3	MR. STEVENSON: come a long way to
4	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
5	MR. STEVENSON: prereview, which is
6	helpful.
7	MS. SMITH: We also have gotten down to
8	we've made it through all of 2014 and part
9	of 2015 as far as when they were placed on
10	the wait list. So we're running into now
11	when we implemented MWMA and we got rid of
12	the MAP 621. So you're starting to see
13	more appropriate it's more appropriate
14	people. So we've gotten through most of
15	the ones that were added just to be just
16	because they somebody went out and said
17	sign this form, to be honest. There
18	were
19	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah. And related to that,
20	the waiting list and the growth of it, are
21	you still working on the pediatric
22	assessments?
23	MS. SMITH: There is a work stream that is
24	working on assessment tools. It will not
25	be in this in this phase of the waiver.

1	It will be in the next phase. But we are
2	looking there is a work stream, though,
3	specifically focused on assessment tools
4	and looking at validated assessment tools.
5	MR. CHRISTMAN: I thought last time what
6	I remember last time I think we talked, you
7	felt you had the tool, but you didn't know
8	if you had the personnel to
9	MS. SMITH: No. We have so we
10	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
11	MS. SMITH: received some
12	recommendations.
13	MR. CHRISTMAN: Uh-huh.
14	MS. SMITH: But there's, you know,
15	validated tools are not cheap.
16	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
17	MS. SMITH: Or to take one of our tools to
18	validate is even more expensive.
19	MR. CHRISTMAN: Sure.
20	MS. SMITH: So we stepped back and did an
21	evaluation on because our first step
22	initially was going to be to change MWMA to
23	capture the data differently. Because
24	right now we can't really report on it
25	unless you have somebody literally that

1	looks at a PDF and does tic marks or
2	does you know, does an actual reading it
3	through the evaluation.
4	We're looking at now the best solution
5	is, do we do that step or do we go straight
6	to purchasing a validated tool? So that's
7	where we are right now, is we're looking at
8	validated tools. We're getting
9	recommendations. We've received a
10	recommendation from states. It used to be
11	Nashwood (phonetic), and we're looking
12	we're looking at those right now.
13	MR. CHRISTMAN: And no plans for any
14	look-behind after you get a tool to see if
15	the people who are receiving the
16	services
17	MS. SMITH: They at their recert
18	MR. CHRISTMAN: or actually should be
19	MS. SMITH: at their recert, then they'd
20	be evaluated.
21	MR. CHRISTMAN: So I guess I call it a
22	look-behind, but I guess that's
23	essentially so that everyone is going to
24	once a year
25	MS. SMITH: Everyone eventually will get

1	would be reviewed by the new tool
2	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah, okay.
3	MS. SMITH: in their recert. So the
4	existing people as their recert comes up,
5	then they would get evaluated by a new
6	tool, if we have a new tool.
7	MR. CHRISTMAN: Oh, okay. When do you hope
8	to have this done? In, like, a year or
9	MS. SMITH: It will depend on on if I
10	can on money and
11	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
12	MS. SMITH: you know, we we are
13	looking at it. It's been brought to the
14	governance team, which is, you know,
15	comprised of the Secretary's office, and
16	we're it's with them right now as far as
17	a decision. So I don't really know a time
18	frame yet.
19	MR. CHRISTMAN: I think it's important. I
20	know you do, too.
21	MS. SMITH: Uh-huh.
22	MR. CHRISTMAN: Any other business? Yes,
23	Johnny.
24	MR. CALLEBS: I just have one question.
25	With CareWise leaving the scene for 1915(c)

1	waivers, will the level of care
2	determinations be done differently?
3	MS. SMITH: They are going to be done by
4	well, there's two phases to that. They
5	ultimately are changing. Initially it's
6	going to be done by Cabinet staff.
7	MR. CALLEBS: Okay.
8	MS. SMITH: But then we're phasing in we
9	have talked about, you know, especially for
10	brain injury population, IDD population,
11	when you're diagnosed with a disability,
12	your disability doesn't necessarily go
13	away, so you qualify for the waiver. What
14	does change is your functional needs and
15	what kind of services that you will
16	receive. So we'll move in a subsequent
17	and this is probably mid next year to fall
18	of next year, we'll move to that level of
19	care being determined initially upfront
20	when somebody is issued capacity for a
21	waiver. The functional assessments will
22	still be done every year or more
23	frequently, if needed, if service needs
24	changed. Because it's really the
25	functional needs that change, not the

1	disability. So you qualify for the waiver,
2	it's just which services and how much do
3	you need. So that will continue, but
4	the there won't be those level of care
5	reviews.
6	MR. CALLEBS: That will go away as far as
7	being an annual necessity?
8	MS. SMITH: Correct. It will still you
9	will still have an annual functional
10	assessment, but the level of care will go
11	away.
12	MR. CALLEBS: Okay. I mean, well, like for
13	example, right now for SCL, that the SIS?
14	MS. SMITH: And the SIS right now it will
15	be is being proposed to stay in place
16	for SCL, because that really speaks to the
17	functional needs of the individual.
18	MR. CALLEBS: Right. But it's done or
19	recommended every three years?
20	MS. SMITH: There is a new process where
21	there is a SIS-A
22	MR. CALLEBS: Right.
23	MS. SMITH: that is done every year now.
24	MR. CALLEBS: Right.
25	MS. SMITH: So there is actually an

1	abbreviated assessment that is done for the
2	two years that the full SIS is not done.
3	And I think I believe they have already
4	started that.
5	MR. WILLIAMS: Yes. Case managers are kind
6	of leading that charge to see if I guess
7	to take a look and see if support needs
8	have changed significantly or
9	substantially.
10	MS. SMITH: Well, and CMS requires that we
11	evaluate everybody at least annually. So
12	it's a requirement within and it's one
13	of our quality performance measures in all
14	of the waivers, that we actually have a
15	functional assessment, or that their needs
16	are evaluated annually.
17	MR. CALLEBS: So the brief the SIS-A is
18	going to
19	MS. SMITH: Uh-huh.
20	MR. CALLEBS: take care of that in the
21	off years
22	MS. SMITH: Yeah.
23	MR. CALLEBS: until the full one is done
24	on the third year?
25	MS. SMITH: On the third year.

1	MR. CALLEBS: Okay.
2	MR. CHRISTMAN: Has there been many cases
3	where people have lost eligibility based on
4	the SIS evaluation?
5	MS. SMITH: Huh-uh (negative).
6	MR. CHRISTMAN: Not any?
7	MS. SMITH: I have not
8	MR. CHRISTMAN: Okay.
9	MS. SMITH: you know, that's the
10	services might be a little bit different
11	based on
12	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
13	MS. SMITH: but, no, not that they've
14	lost
15	MR. CHRISTMAN: Eligibility.
16	MS. SMITH: that they've lost their
17	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah.
18	MS. SMITH: level of care.
19	MR. CHRISTMAN: Okay.
20	MR. CALLEBS: So Cabinet staff will be
21	doing LOCs?
22	MS. SMITH: They will be approving LOCs or
23	reviewing LOCs initially. And actually
24	after the second phase, because we're
25	also the staff, they're doing capacity

1 review. So it's staff that are familiar 2. with the populations that they are 3 reviewing for capacity. They have the 4 experience in those populations --5 MR. CALLEBS: Okay. MS. SMITH: -- and be the ones that will be 6 7 doing those. But we just decided -- it 8 makes more sense that -- I mean, when you 9 meet level of care to receive services, your brain injury, your intellectual 10 11 disability, it's not -- it's not going to 12 go away. You always are going to qualify 13 for waiver services. It's just which 14 services do you qualify for and how much of 15 those services do you qualify for. 16 So could you have somebody that --17 more in HCB this would likely happen, where 18 they got admitted because they broke their 19 hip and they have some functional needs. 20 Now we look at their functional assessment 21 and they can do everything on their own. 22 they might lose services because they don't 23 need the services anymore. So -- but in, 24 you know, the IDD and the brain injury 25 populations, there shouldn't be -- once that

1	capacity is reserved, there shouldn't be a
2	reason that they would not meet ongoing,
3	unless someone provided false information
4	MR. CHRISTMAN: Okay.
5	MS. SMITH: in the beginning. And,
6	unfortunately, we have had that happen in
7	years past. Not so much now. The staff
8	that are reviewing those are very
9	particular and really dig in and look at
10	the information.
11	MR. CALLEBS: So will more information come
12	out on that, just for example, on
13	November 26 after CareWise is out of
14	1915(c) waivers and LOC, you know, somebody
15	wants to call in an LOC participant, would
16	they call a Cabinet staff? Will they be
17	directed how to proceed?
18	MS. SMITH: It has to go into MWMA.
19	MR. CALLEBS: Okay.
20	MS. SMITH: And that's today. They're
21	not they shouldn't be they're
22	CareWise should not be accepting any verbal
23	LOCs over the phone
24	MR. CALLEBS: Okay.
25	MS. SMITH: anymore either. So

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1	MR. CALLEBS: Okay.
2	MS. SMITH: really for providers,
3	there's not going to be any noticeable
4	difference. It will still go MWMA;
5	responses will still come through MWMA.
6	It's just who's reviewing it is different.
7	MR. CALLEBS: Okay. Thank you.
8	PARTICIPANT: Another question related to
9	that. The services that aren't covered,
10	like (inaudible) services, will they be
11	reviewed by you guys? CareWise is totally
12	out of the picture?
13	MS. SMITH: CareWise is totally out of the
14	picture. We have Cabinet level staff that
15	will be viewing those services that
16	require that aren't able to be approved
17	by the case manager.
18	MS. HUGHES: The meetings for next year.
19	MS. STEARMAN: Quick question
20	MR. CHRISTMAN: Oh, there's another
21	question here.
22	MS. HUGHES: Okay.
23	MS. STEARMAN: Sorry. Before we get into
24	the meetings. I know there's been a lot
25	going on, but was there any other is

1	there any other additional things going on
2	with looking at the waivers for more
3	intense needs for medical and behavioral
4	that we talked about from before?
5	MS. SMITH: That will so as we now have
6	a rate and all the service definitions will
7	be consistent, that's the next step, is to
8	look at. And we actually have that
9	additional level of care has forced me
10	the 19th, is that the so it's coming up.
11	And so we'll talk a little bit more in that
12	meeting about that. But as far as with
13	SCL, the exceptional supports remains in
14	the waiver right now, so that process is
15	still in place for SCL.
16	MS. HUGHES: So meetings for next year, I
17	sent them out. January the 5th, March 4th,
18	May the 6th, July the 1st, September the
19	2nd, and November the 4th. Are those
20	MS. BENTLEY: Can you say those one more
21	time.
22	MR. CALLEBS: Could you say those one more
23	time slower?
24	MS. HUGHES: January the 15th.
25	MR. CHRISTMAN: Oh, 15th.

1	MS. BROTHERS: Yeah. I might have said the
2	5th. If I did, I'm sorry.
3	MR. STEVENSON: Okay.
4	MS. HUGHES: March the 4th, May the 6th,
5	July the 1st, September the 2nd and
6	November the 4th.
7	MS. BROTHERS: The only one I'm concerned
8	about is July 1st, because I feel like a
9	lot of people do a lot of people take
10	their vacation that week?
11	MS. STAED: And it's the first day of your
12	fiscal year. Do you really want
13	MS. BROTHERS: Well, I'm just concerned,
14	because
15	MR. CHRISTMAN: Day before my birthday.
16	MS. STAED: We can celebrate your birthday.
17	MR. STEVENSON: You want to move to the
18	next week?
19	MR. CHRISTMAN: No, I don't care.
20	MR. STEVENSON: Next week of July?
21	MS. HUGHES: Now what I was what I had
22	done with this and I think I mentioned
23	this to the TAC members, is that, like, for
24	instance, this week and next week, in six
25	days, I have 10 TAC meetings. There's 13

1	TACs that meet regularly. 10 of them are
2	meeting this week and next week in six
3	days. So what I've tried to do is is
4	put some space in between.
5	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah. Right.
6	MS. HUGHES: And so I tried to keep
7	everybody on the same meeting day, you
8	know. And I tried to get you I looked
9	at this year's calendar and tried to get
10	you as close to the same day that you met
11	this year, but trying to put maybe moved
12	you one week before or one week after.
13	MR. CHRISTMAN: It's okay with me.
14	MR. STEVENSON: It's going to be hit and
15	miss with vacation.
16	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah, yeah.
17	MS. HUGHES: Okay.
18	MS. BROTHERS: We'll just do that.
19	MR. CHRISTMAN: Fantastic.
20	MS. HUGHES: All right.
21	MR. CHRISTMAN: So I guess there's no other
22	questions, so we'll adjourn.
23	MS. HUGHES: Before you adjourn sorry
24	did you want to talk about the having
25	Katie's the person that you were

1	MR. CHRISTMAN: Well, we're going to I			
2	think we already did.			
3	MS. HUGHES: Okay.			
4	MR. CHRISTMAN: Yeah, I think we got that			
5	clear.			
6	MS. HUGHES: Okay.			
7	MR. CHRISTMAN: And we'll we might			
8	schedule that at our next meeting, which is			
9	what?			
10	MS. HUGHES: Be January 15th.			
11	MR. CHRISTMAN: January 15th. All right.			
12	That's right. Thank you.			
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